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02:31:35 1 Q. And was -- were those companies referred
02:31:39 2 to as hands-off or -- sorry. Let me just ask that
02:31:45 3 question.

02:31:46 4 A. Sure. Sure.

02:31:48 5 I don't -- I don't recall if we labeled
02:31:51 6 those companies in any way other than don't call
02:31:59 7 in to these companies.

02:32:05 8 Q. Do you recall why a company was added or
02:32:11 9 removed from that list?

02:32:14 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:32:16 11 THE WITNESS: I didn't see any additions
02:32:18 12 or -- or subtractions, you know, from the list.

02:32:23 13 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:32:24 14 Q. So -- I see.

02:32:26 15 Did you have any understanding of why
02:32:28 16 the companies that were on the list were on the
02:32:30 17 list?

02:32:31 18 A. I believe the one company that I
02:32:34 19 remember being on the list was NVIDIA, and that
02:32:37 20 was because, I believe, that they were -- and
02:32:41 21 still are, to my knowledge -- a key vendor to
02:32:44 22 Apple.

02:32:45 23 Q. Do you recall whether ATI was also on
02:32:49 24 that list?

02:32:50 25 A. ATI could have been on that list.

02:32:52 1 Q. Was ATI a key vendor for Apple?

02:32:55 2 A. I -- I don't -- I don't know. I don't
02:32:57 3 know.

02:33:04 4 Q. Do you recall Google ever being on that
02:33:05 5 list?

02:33:06 6 A. I don't ever recall Google being a
02:33:08 7 company that we couldn't cold call folks.

02:33:16 8 Q. Okay. Do you recall Adobe being a -- a
02:33:20 9 hands-off company or a do-not-cold-call company?

02:33:23 10 A. I do recall Adobe being on the list.

02:33:26 11 Q. Do you have any understanding of why
02:33:27 12 Adobe was on the list?

02:33:28 13 A. I -- I don't.

02:33:29 14 Q. Okay.

02:33:30 15 A. I believe it was in regards to some
02:33:34 16 vendor relationship.

02:33:45 17 Q. Do you have any understanding of who was
02:33:47 18 responsible for putting a company on that list?

02:33:55 19 A. No, I don't.

02:33:57 20 Q. Do you have any understanding that
02:33:59 21 Steve Jobs had a role in the companies that appear
02:34:03 22 on that list?

02:34:04 23 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:34:06 24 THE WITNESS: I'm -- I'm sure that Steve
02:34:08 25 had influence on that -- on that -- on that list.

02:34:12 1 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:34:13 2 Q. And what leads you to be sure of that?

02:34:16 3 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:34:19 4 THE WITNESS: Steve connected with a lot
02:34:20 5 of people, and so I know that, you know, part of
02:34:28 6 Apple's success is having key partners. So -- and
02:34:32 7 I believe he was, you know, pretty involved in,
02:34:35 8 you know, developing and building those
02:34:37 9 partnerships.

02:34:38 10 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:34:40 11 Q. Do you believe that he was also involved
02:34:42 12 in -- well, strike that.

02:34:57 13 Do you have any understanding of whether
02:34:59 14 Danielle Lambert had any role with respect to the
02:35:02 15 companies that were on that list?

02:35:04 16 A. I don't believe she did.

02:35:05 17 Q. Okay. What leads you to think that she
02:35:09 18 did not have a role?

02:35:14 19 A. Well, her role was focused on -- on
02:35:16 20 execution. And so I just don't think she was
02:35:25 21 privy to those discussions that -- you know, at
02:35:28 22 Steve's level with external folks.

02:35:42 23 Q. Do you recall how this list was
02:35:44 24 maintained at Apple in the sense of how did you
02:35:49 25 know about it?

02:47:39 1 A. I do.

02:47:40 2 Q. Do you have any understanding of who she
02:47:42 3 was at the time?

02:47:43 4 A. No, I don't.

02:47:44 5 Q. Okay. Do you see how she wrote to
02:47:46 6 Bruce Chizen and others at Adobe that Bruce and
02:47:50 7 Steve Jobs have an agreement that we are not to
02:47:54 8 solicit any Apple employees and vice versa?

02:47:56 9 A. I do see that.

02:47:58 10 Q. Does that refresh your recollection of
02:48:00 11 whether Apple's restriction with respect to Adobe
02:48:03 12 was reciprocated?

02:48:06 13 A. It does not, no.

02:48:08 14 Q. Okay. If we can talk about Google
02:48:34 15 briefly. And this concerns when you were still at
02:48:37 16 Apple. Do you recall when Google was first placed
02:48:49 17 on Apple's hands-off list?

02:48:51 18 A. I do not.

02:48:52 19 Q. Do you recall why Google was placed on
02:48:54 20 the list?

02:48:58 21 A. I don't, no.

02:48:59 22 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with an e-mail
02:49:12 23 list that was used at Apple in 2005 that read,
02:49:16 24 "U.S. recruiting all@group.apple.com"?

02:49:22 25 A. I don't specifically remember that, no.

02:49:29 1 Q. If you could take a look at what's been
02:49:32 2 previously marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 563.

02:49:42 3 And just let me know once you've had
02:49:44 4 chance to look at it.

02:49:47 5 A. I'm finished.

02:49:52 6 Q. Okay. If you look in the "to" field,
02:49:54 7 there's that e-mail list that I just described to
02:49:56 8 you. Does that refresh your recollection of what
02:49:59 9 this e-mail list was?

02:50:01 10 A. Once again, I don't remember that
02:50:04 11 specific group, that title, but I would assume
02:50:07 12 that it's the whole Apple -- or US recruitment
02:50:14 13 team at Apple.

02:50:15 14 Q. And that -- that included you, correct?

02:50:18 15 A. At that time, yes.

02:50:19 16 Q. So you received this e-mail from
02:50:21 17 Danielle Lambert on February 26th, 2005, correct?

02:50:26 18 A. Yes.

02:50:27 19 Q. Okay. Here it says:

02:50:30 20 "Please add Google to your
02:50:32 21 hands-off list. We recently agreed
02:50:36 22 not to recruit from one another, so
02:50:38 23 if you hear of any recruiting
02:50:39 24 they're doing against us, please be
02:50:42 25 sure to let me know. Please also be

02:50:45 1 sure to honor our side of the deal."

02:50:47 2 At this time -- and apologies, I have to
02:50:50 3 go back and look at my notes -- were you directly
02:50:52 4 reporting to Ms. Lambert?

02:50:59 5 A. At this time, I -- I don't believe I
02:51:00 6 was.

02:51:01 7 Q. Okay. So at this time she was the head
02:51:04 8 of HR at Apple?

02:51:06 9 A. I think she was, yes.

02:51:10 10 Q. Okay. Does this refresh your
02:51:11 11 recollection of why Google was placed on Apple's
02:51:16 12 hands-off list?

02:51:18 13 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:51:19 14 THE WITNESS: I don't know why they were
02:51:20 15 on the list.

02:51:21 16 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:51:22 17 Q. Does Ms. Lambert's e-mail suggest to you
02:51:25 18 that it was a result of an agreement with Google?

02:51:29 19 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:51:35 20 THE WITNESS: I don't know if there was
02:51:36 21 an agreement with Google. Someone agreed to not,
02:51:39 22 you know, recruit from one another. But I --
02:51:42 23 yeah.

02:51:42 24 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:51:42 25 Q. Okay.

02:51:43 1 A. I don't know who -- who agreed to that
02:51:45 2 and why.

02:51:48 3 Q. Do you know who else, aside from Google,
02:51:50 4 would have been the other party to the agreement?

02:51:52 5 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:51:55 6 THE WITNESS: I do not, no.

02:51:57 7 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:51:57 8 Q. Do you think it's likely that it was, in
02:51:59 9 fact, Google?

02:51:59 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:52:01 11 THE WITNESS: I -- I do.

02:52:02 12 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:52:03 13 Q. Okay. You do think that it is likely
02:52:05 14 that it was Google?

02:52:06 15 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:52:07 16 THE WITNESS: It appears to be Google.

02:52:10 17 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:52:12 18 Q. Okay. When -- when Ms. Lambert wrote,
02:52:14 19 "Please add Google to your hands-off list," did
02:52:19 20 you understand that to mean that -- that you
02:52:23 21 should communicate this to the -- the recruiters
02:52:27 22 you supervised?

02:52:28 23 A. Yes.

02:52:28 24 Q. Okay. And so this would have been
02:52:31 25 discussed at the weekly meetings you described

02:52:33 1 earlier?

02:52:34 2 A. Potentially, yes.

02:52:38 3 Q. Okay. Okay. Oh, and at the end she
02:52:41 4 says, "Please also be sure to honor our side of
02:52:45 5 the deal."

02:52:48 6 Do you have an understanding of what
02:52:49 7 that meant in terms of what she expected you and
02:52:52 8 other Apple recruiters to do to honor's Apple side
02:52:57 9 of that deal?

02:52:57 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:52:59 11 THE WITNESS: I do know what she
02:53:01 12 expected.

02:53:02 13 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:53:02 14 Q. And what did she expect?

02:53:04 15 A. That we wouldn't cold call in to folks
02:53:09 16 at Google.

02:53:11 17 Q. Okay. Did you ever become aware while
02:53:26 18 you were at Apple of any instances in which Google
02:53:31 19 recruited from Apple and Apple took steps to
02:53:35 20 contact Google to try to enforce the agreement
02:53:37 21 that was reached?

02:53:39 22 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:53:40 23 THE WITNESS: I do not recall any of
02:53:41 24 those instances.

02:53:44 25 BY MR. HARVEY:

02:53:44 1 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you an e-mail
02:53:46 2 that has been previously introduced as Plaintiffs'
02:53:51 3 Exhibit 277 at Ms. Lambert's deposition. And if
02:53:56 4 you could please take a look at it and let me know
02:54:00 5 once you've had a chance to review it.

02:54:02 6 A. Sure.
02:54:26 7 I'm done.

02:54:30 8 Q. Do you recall hearing anything about
02:54:32 9 instances like this in which Steve Jobs would
02:54:35 10 reach out to -- to another company and say, "Stop
02:54:40 11 recruiting into Apple"?

02:54:42 12 A. I -- I don't know of Steve doing any
02:54:45 13 such things, no.

02:54:48 14 Q. Do you know of anyone else at Apple
02:54:48 15 doing such things?

02:54:51 16 A. I don't.

02:54:51 17 Q. Okay. Do you recall there being any
02:55:12 18 similar agreements with other companies aside from
02:55:15 19 Google in which -- in which Apple and the other
02:55:19 20 company agreed not to recruit from one another?

02:55:21 21 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

02:55:24 22 THE WITNESS: As I mentioned earlier, we
02:55:27 23 could not recruit into Adobe -- or excuse me,
02:55:34 24 NVIDIA. I do recall Adobe being on the list. But
02:55:44 25 I -- the list wasn't a huge deal to my team

03:51:21 1 recollection of anything you -- you asked

03:51:24 2 Ms. Raymond to do for you?

03:51:27 3 A. It -- it -- it does not refresh my
03:51:28 4 recollection.

03:51:35 5 Q. Does this look like the -- the
03:51:35 6 do-not-call list at Google that you were familiar
03:51:38 7 with?

03:51:46 8 A. So I --

03:51:47 9 MR. HARVEY: Excuse me. Pardon me.

03:51:49 10 MR. RUBIN: Bless you.

03:51:50 11 THE WITNESS: I can't recall the whole
03:51:51 12 list. There were some standout companies just due
03:51:56 13 to the size of the company. But, I mean, this
03:51:59 14 does seem like a plausible list, from what I
03:52:03 15 recall.

03:52:03 16 BY MR. HARVEY:

03:52:04 17 Q. Was Apple a standout company?

03:52:08 18 A. It was.

03:52:10 19 Q. And I think you said size was an issue
03:52:13 20 in terms of whether it was standout or not.

03:52:16 21 Would you use that as a way to describe
03:52:18 22 Apple in the sense of why Apple is standing out to
03:52:20 23 you?

03:52:21 24 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

03:52:22 25 THE WITNESS: No, I mean -- I believe

03:52:27 1 Apple was trying to develop, you know, a
03:52:31 2 relationship with Google and potentially vice
03:52:34 3 versa, so ...

03:52:36 4 BY MR. HARVEY:

03:52:37 5 Q. And that's why Apple stood out to you?

03:52:42 6 A. That could be a reason, just because
03:52:44 7 it's -- and it's a tech icon.

03:52:47 8 Q. Mh-hmm. Okay. Would you say that --
03:52:49 9 that Intel was a big employer in the Valley?

03:52:55 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

03:52:57 11 THE WITNESS: Intel was one of the
03:52:58 12 largest employers.

03:52:59 13 BY MR. HARVEY:

03:53:01 14 Q. Okay. Okay. Aside from the companies
03:53:07 15 listed, I'd like to direct your attention to the
03:53:09 16 kind of preface before where -- well, first, you
03:53:12 17 know, I think I forgot to ask you this: Did you,
03:53:15 18 in fact, receive this from Tiffany Raymond on --
03:53:18 19 on Friday, September 21st, 2007?

03:53:21 20 A. I -- I can't recall if I did. It
03:53:25 21 appears as though that e-mail is addressed to me.

03:53:38 22 Q. Okay. She says:

03:53:41 23 "Here are the do not call
03:53:43 24 companies. There are a bunch of
03:53:45 25 sensitive ones as well. Do you want

03:53:47 1 me to include those as well? There
03:53:50 2 isn't one doc with this info. It is
03:53:53 3 embedded within a large Google PDF.
03:53:56 4 Let me know if you want this in a
03:53:58 5 Word doc or something."

03:53:59 6 And then here's what I'm going to ask
03:54:01 7 you about. Where it starts:

03:54:03 8 "The following companies," and
03:54:06 9 then a parenthetical, "and by
03:54:08 10 association, their subsidiaries
03:54:11 11 listed in Appendix A," end parens,
03:54:14 12 "have special agreements with Google
03:54:16 13 and are part of the 'Do not call'
03:54:20 14 list."

03:54:20 15 Do you see all of that?

03:54:21 16 A. I do.

03:54:23 17 Q. Okay. Is that the kind of language that
03:54:25 18 was used at Google to describe the do-not-call
03:54:26 19 list, specifically, you know, companies that have
03:54:31 20 special agreements with Google?

03:54:33 21 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

03:54:35 22 THE WITNESS: I don't know how a company
03:54:37 23 got on the list, you know, the -- you know, kind
03:54:42 24 of the genesis of those discussions or the
03:54:45 25 process. So I really can't answer that.

03:57:41 1 Q. And then dropping down to where it
03:57:45 2 starts talking about the do-not-call list, it has
03:57:47 3 that same language that -- that Ms. Raymond quoted
03:57:54 4 in her earlier e-mail, correct?

03:57:57 5 A. This e-mail right here?

03:57:59 6 Q. Yeah.

03:58:00 7 And -- and specifically the sentence
03:58:02 8 that says, "The following companies" through "do
03:58:06 9 not cold call list."

03:58:09 10 A. It does appear to be the same.

03:58:12 11 Q. Okay. Could you please read through the
03:58:18 12 three -- and if you already have, you can just
03:58:21 13 tell me -- the three elements of the -- of the
03:58:25 14 do-not-call-list protocol that -- let's see. I
03:58:29 15 guess it starts with four and then goes through
03:58:32 16 six.

03:58:33 17 A. Yes, I've read it.

03:58:34 18 Q. Okay. Does that comport with your
03:58:36 19 understanding of how Google abided by or followed
03:58:41 20 the -- the other protocol as described here?

03:58:45 21 A. It does.

03:58:45 22 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Objection.
03:58:46 23 Form.

03:58:47 24 BY MR. HARVEY:

03:58:48 25 Q. Okay. And is this the same way, in your

03:58:56 1 experience, that Apple's hands-off list worked?

03:58:59 2 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

03:59:04 3 THE WITNESS: I don't recall the
03:59:05 4 specific -- if there was a specific procedure at
03:59:09 5 Apple. I do know that if someone came to Apple
03:59:20 6 and was interested in working at Apple, it was
03:59:24 7 not -- not an issue if they were on the
03:59:25 8 do-not-call list.

03:59:27 9 BY MR. HARVEY:

03:59:27 10 Q. And does that sound like Number 5 to
03:59:29 11 you?

03:59:30 12 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

03:59:31 13 BY MR. HARVEY:

03:59:31 14 Q. I'm sorry. Number 6?

03:59:33 15 MR. RUBIN: Same objection.

03:59:40 16 THE WITNESS: I don't know if they were
03:59:41 17 worded the same. But from a procedural
03:59:44 18 standpoint, I do recall it being the same.

03:59:47 19 BY MR. HARVEY:

03:59:49 20 Q. Okay. And then in terms of the -- the
03:59:52 21 first part, not to directly cold call in to the
03:59:55 22 companies on that list, is that the same way you
03:59:58 23 understood Apple's hands-off list to work?

04:00:01 24 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

04:00:05 25 THE WITNESS: In theory, it was very

04:00:06 1 similar, where we wouldn't cold call companies
04:00:09 2 that -- you know, that I was instructed not to at
04:00:16 3 Apple.

04:00:16 4 BY MR. HARVEY:

04:00:17 5 Q. Mh-hmm. Okay. And then here in this
04:00:21 6 document, it's pretty specific in that it states
04:00:24 7 that the -- these rules also apply to the
04:00:29 8 subsidiaries of the companies on the list.

04:00:32 9 Do you see that?

04:00:37 10 A. I do see that.

04:00:38 11 Q. And then I won't ask you anything
04:00:41 12 specifically, but I'll just ask you in general,
04:00:42 13 that throughout the attachment, the document lists
04:00:47 14 various companies that are subsidiaries of
04:00:48 15 different companies on the list to identify which
04:00:50 16 ones those are.

04:00:52 17 Do you see that?

04:00:52 18 A. I see the list.

04:00:55 19 Q. Okay. Do you know whether Apple had the
04:00:57 20 same approach in that once a company was on the
04:01:01 21 hands-off list, all of its subsidiaries were also
04:01:05 22 hands off?

04:01:08 23 A. I'm pretty sure that was the case.

04:01:12 24 Q. Okay. Okay. You can put that aside.

04:01:15 25 Thank you.

04:01:16 1 Okay. Do you have any recollection of
04:01:45 2 what the consequences potentially were to a
04:01:50 3 recruiter at Google who failed to follow the rules
04:01:54 4 set out in the document we just went through?

04:01:57 5 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

04:01:59 6 THE WITNESS: I -- I -- I don't recall
04:02:01 7 any consequences being discussed, if they failed
04:02:07 8 to abide by the do-not-call-list protocol.

04:02:11 9 BY MR. HARVEY:

04:02:11 10 Q. Do you recall any instances in which
04:02:15 11 someone at Google was punished for failing to
04:02:18 12 follow the do-not-call list?

04:02:20 13 A. I heard that someone was terminated for
04:02:23 14 it.

04:02:26 15 Q. And when did you first hear about that
04:02:30 16 termination?

04:02:31 17 A. I don't recall.

04:02:38 18 Q. And do you recall anything else about
04:02:41 19 that -- that recruiter, about, you know, the
04:02:46 20 circumstances that gave rise to her termination?

04:02:50 21 A. I believe it was in regards to not
04:02:51 22 abiding by the protocol.

04:02:57 23 Q. Do you know the way in which that
04:02:59 24 recruiter failed to follow the protocol, I mean,
04:03:03 25 kind of how she violated it?

04:03:05 1 A. From what I understand, she made a cold
04:03:08 2 call -- excuse me -- in to Apple.

04:03:17 3 Q. Do you know whether that was sort of
04:03:21 4 generally known to recruiters at Google and that
04:03:24 5 someone got fired for failing to follow the
04:03:29 6 protocol?

04:03:30 7 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

04:03:32 8 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know if that
04:03:32 9 was generally known. The Google recruiting team
04:03:35 10 was huge, and there was a lot of turnover. So it
04:03:38 11 was -- it was -- I know it was tough for them to
04:03:43 12 keep, you know, the flow of information
04:03:47 13 consistent.

04:03:50 14 BY MR. HARVEY:

04:03:50 15 Q. Do you recall whether you told any of
04:03:52 16 the recruiters you supervised to be careful to
04:03:55 17 follow the protocol because there might be
04:03:57 18 consequences if you don't?

04:03:59 19 A. I don't recall myself saying that
04:04:03 20 there -- there will be consequences. I do know as
04:04:08 21 part of my job that I'm pretty confident that I
04:04:11 22 instructed them to not proactively or cold call
04:04:15 23 folks on that list.

04:04:18 24 Q. Do you recall anyone else sending that
04:04:20 25 message to the recruiters? In other words, if you

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